

HEATING AND COOLING IN THE INTERSTELLAR MEDIUM OF DUSTY, STAR-FORMING GALAXIES

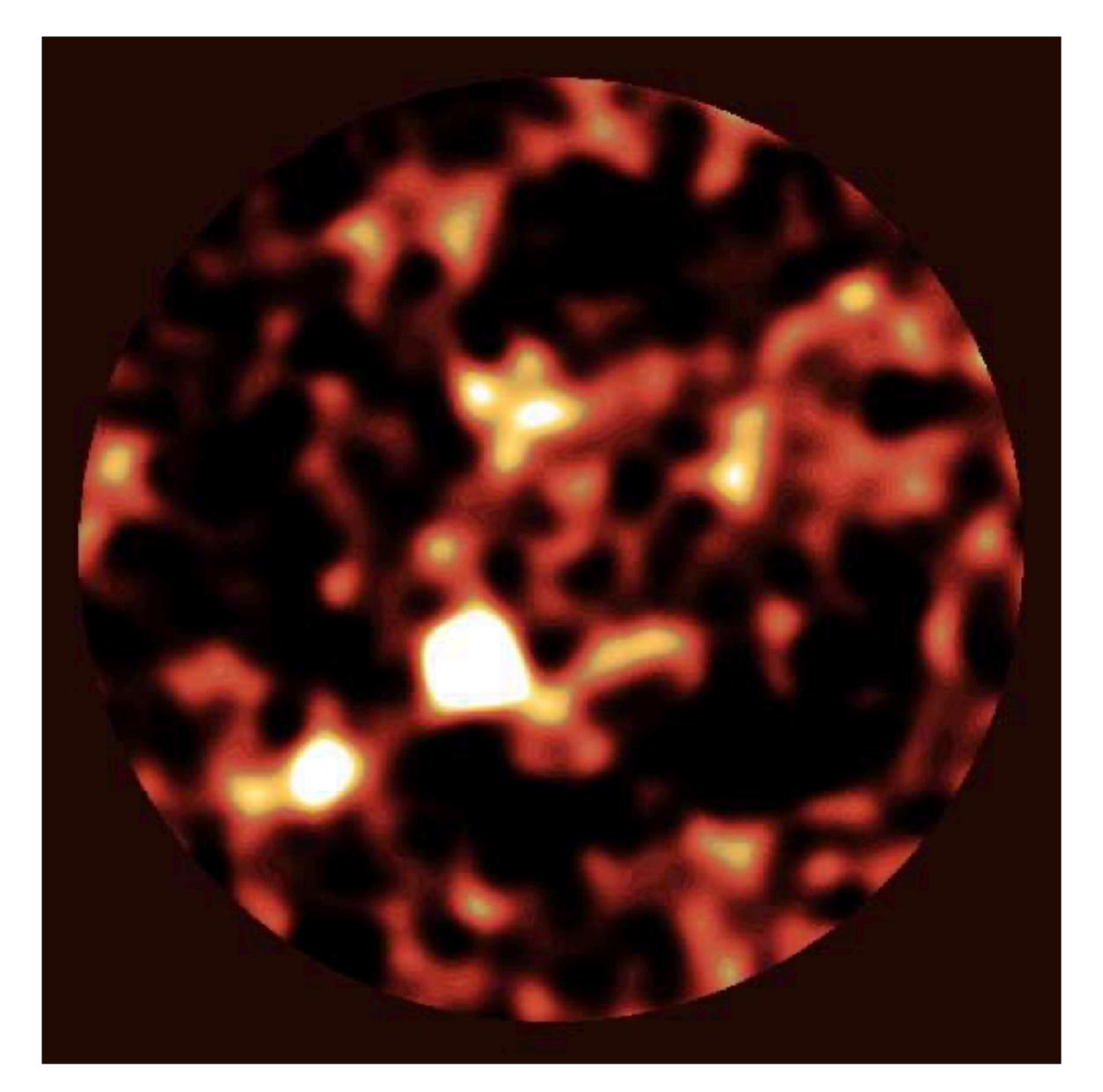
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OUTLINE

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 - Why study dusty galaxies?
 - Heating and cooling in the ISM
- The interstellar medium of local dusty galaxies
- The interstellar medium of dusty galaxies at high-redshift

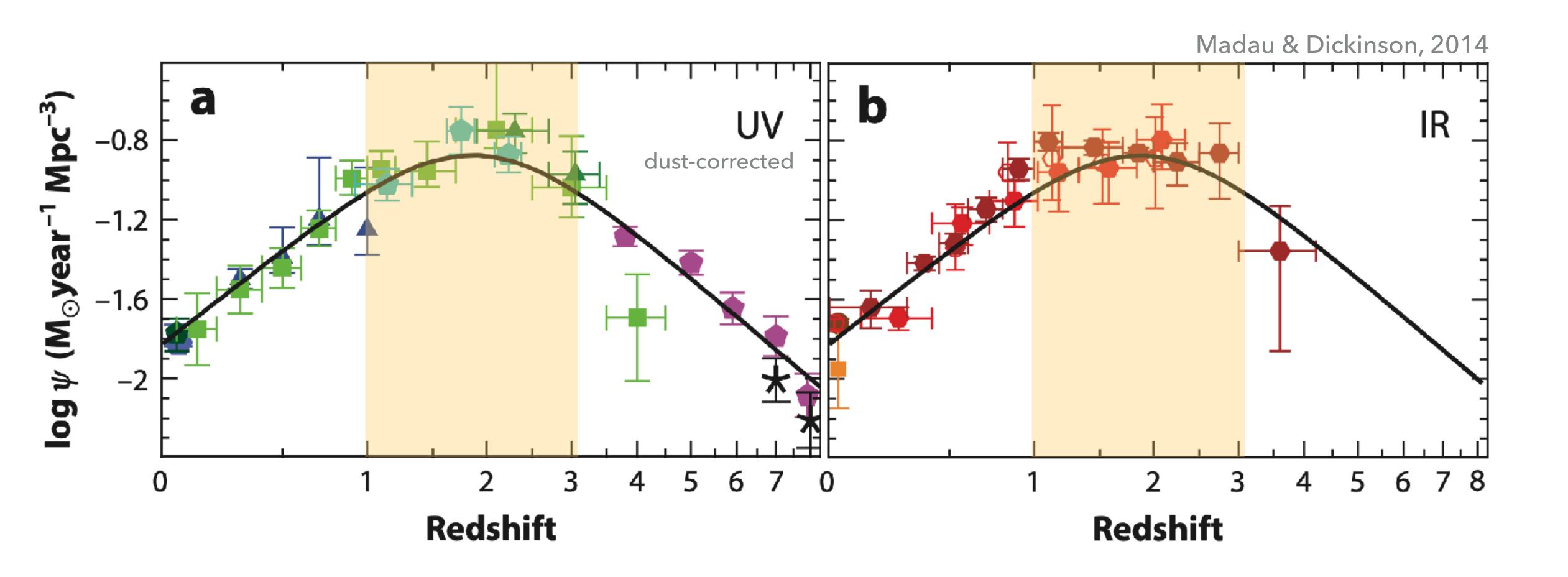


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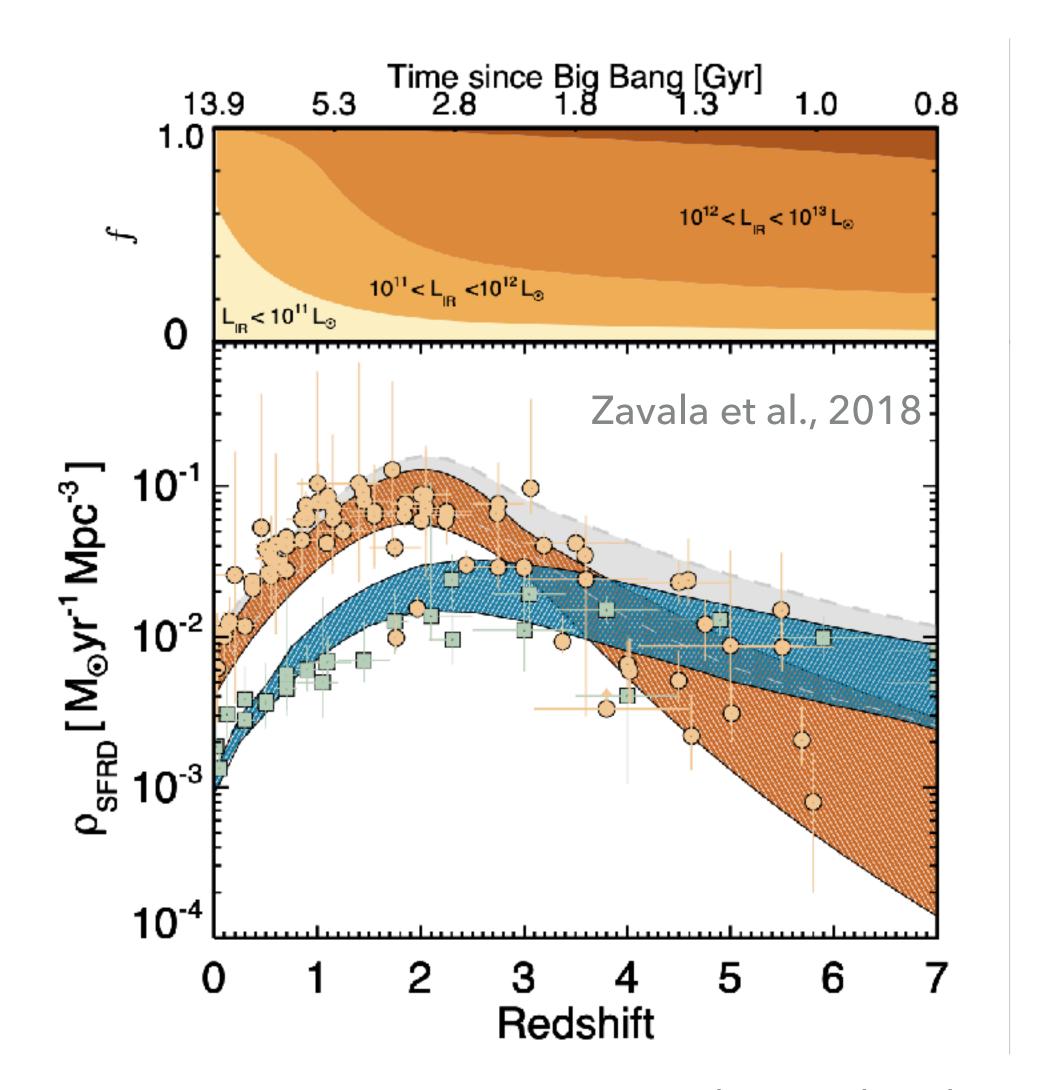
 $850~\mu \mathrm{m}$ image of the HDF, Hughes et al., 1998

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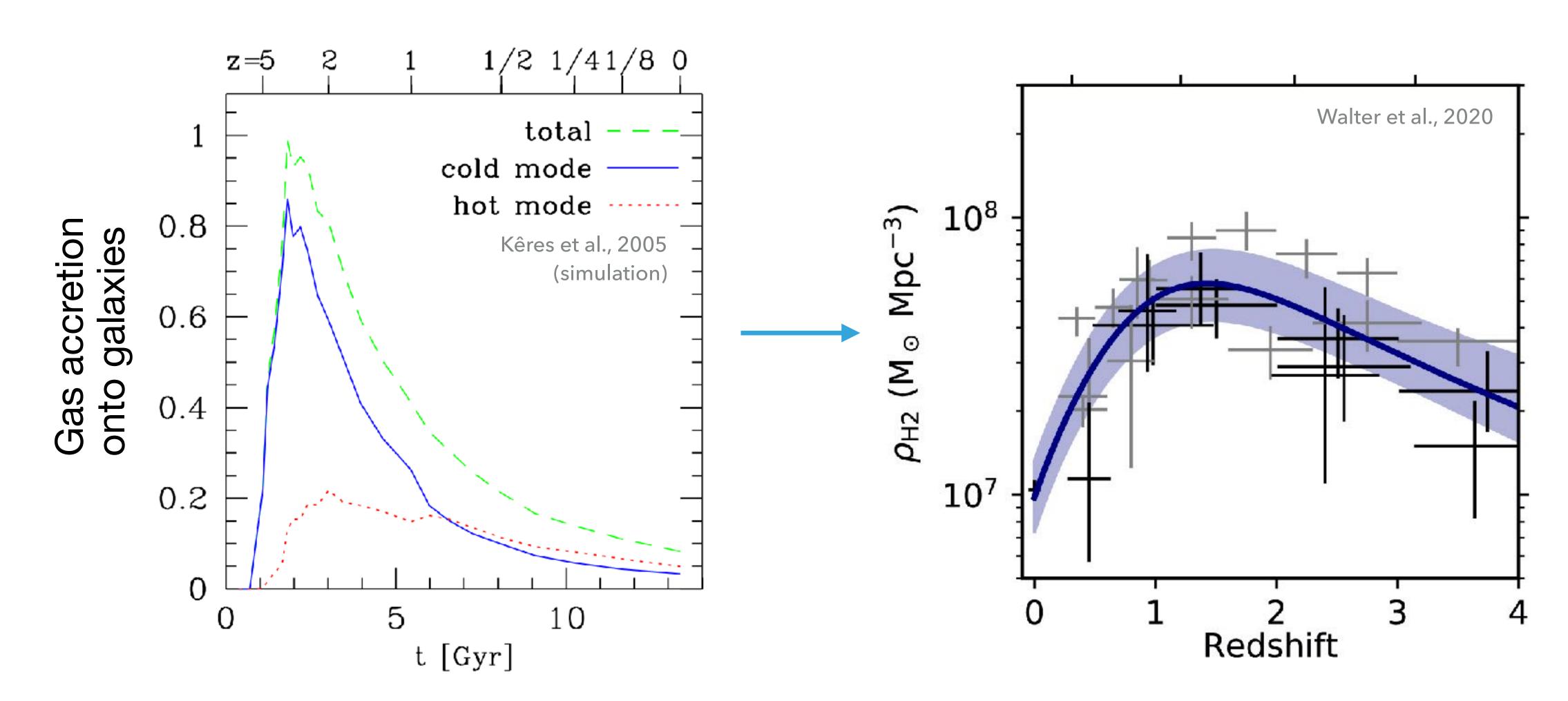


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- The star-formation rate density of the Universe peaked about 3-5 Gyr after the Big Bang (z~2).
- Most of the star-formation at z < 3 is obscured by dust.
- Most of the dust-obscured star-formation happens in massive, IR-luminous galaxies ($L_{\rm IR} > 10^{11} \, L_{\odot}$).

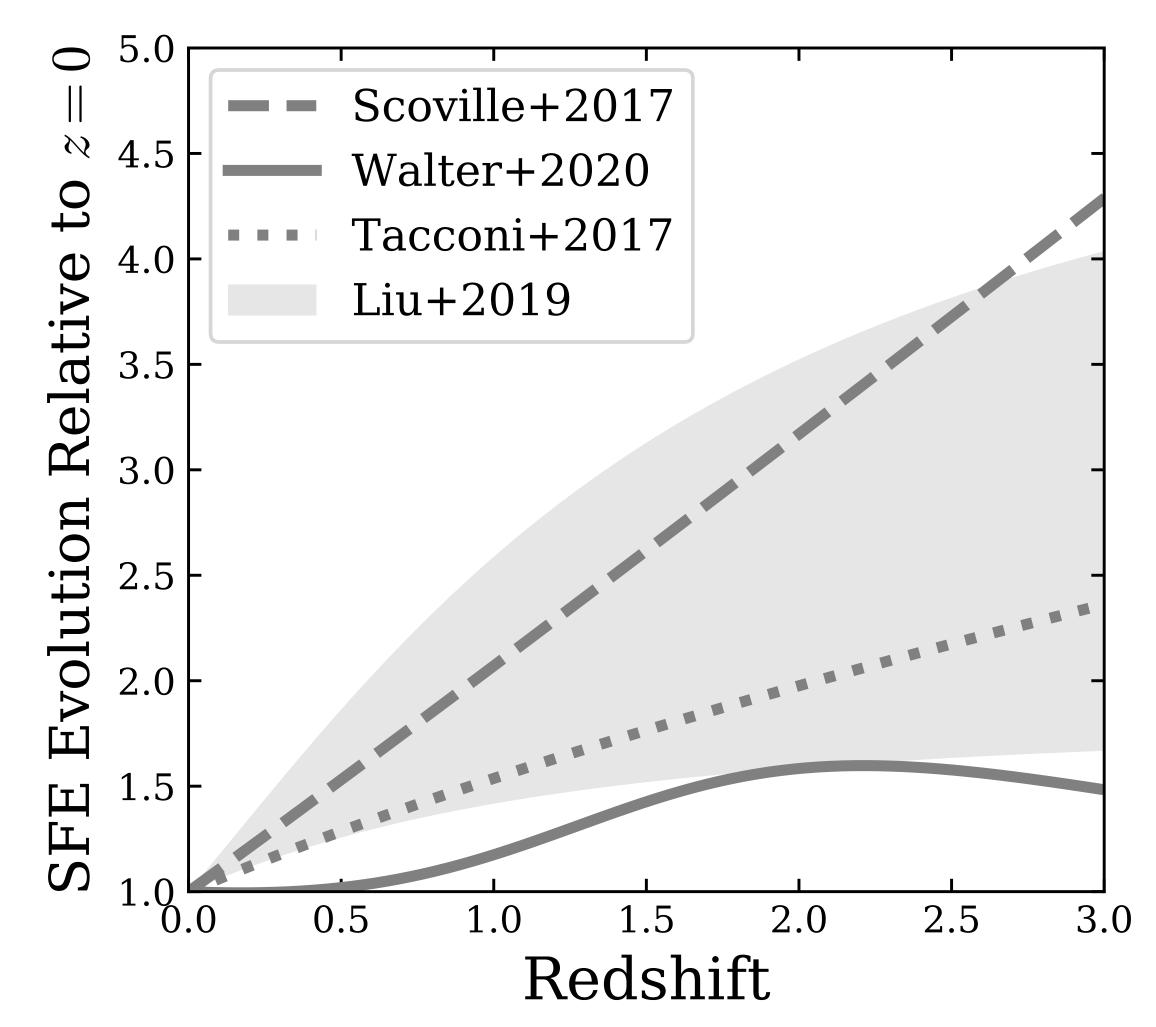


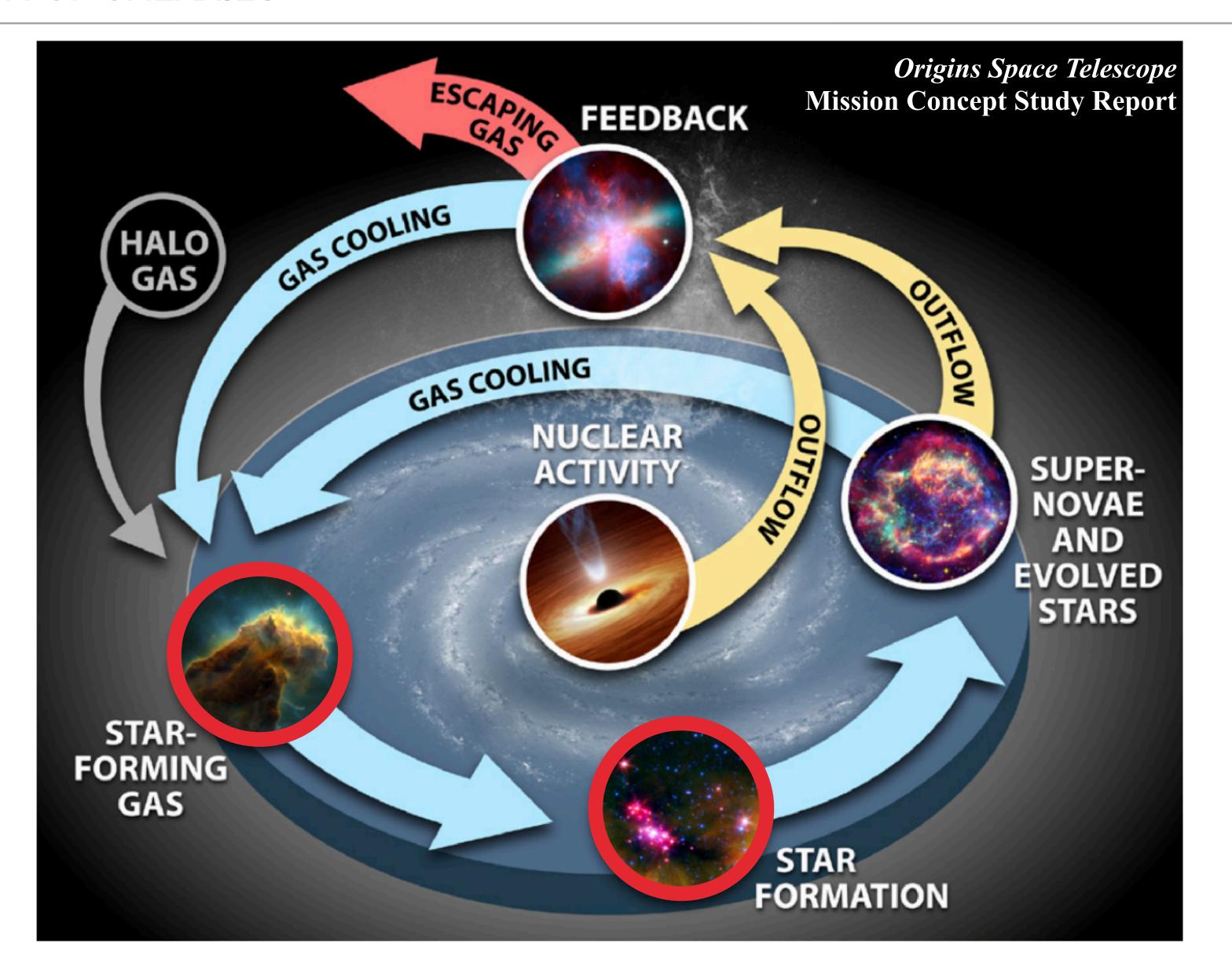
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- Star-formation efficiency (SFE) \equiv SFR/M_{H₂}
- The SFE could be very important to the evolution of galaxies, or not.
- What can change the efficiency of star-formation in dusty galaxies?





PHOTODISSOCIATION REGIONS (PDR) IN STAR-FORMING GALAXIES



- Gas Cooling: IR fine-structure line cooling dominated by [C II], [O I] and [Si II] emission.
- Gas Heating: Dominated by the photoelectric effect off of small dust grains, PAHs. Observed in bright mid-IR bands with e.g., *Spitzer*.

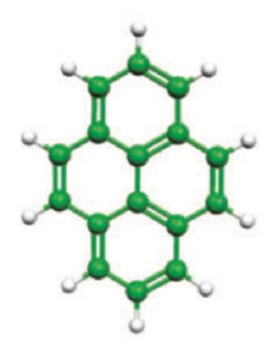
Galaxy-integrated measurements of atomic and molecular lines test heating and cooling of the ISM in galaxies.

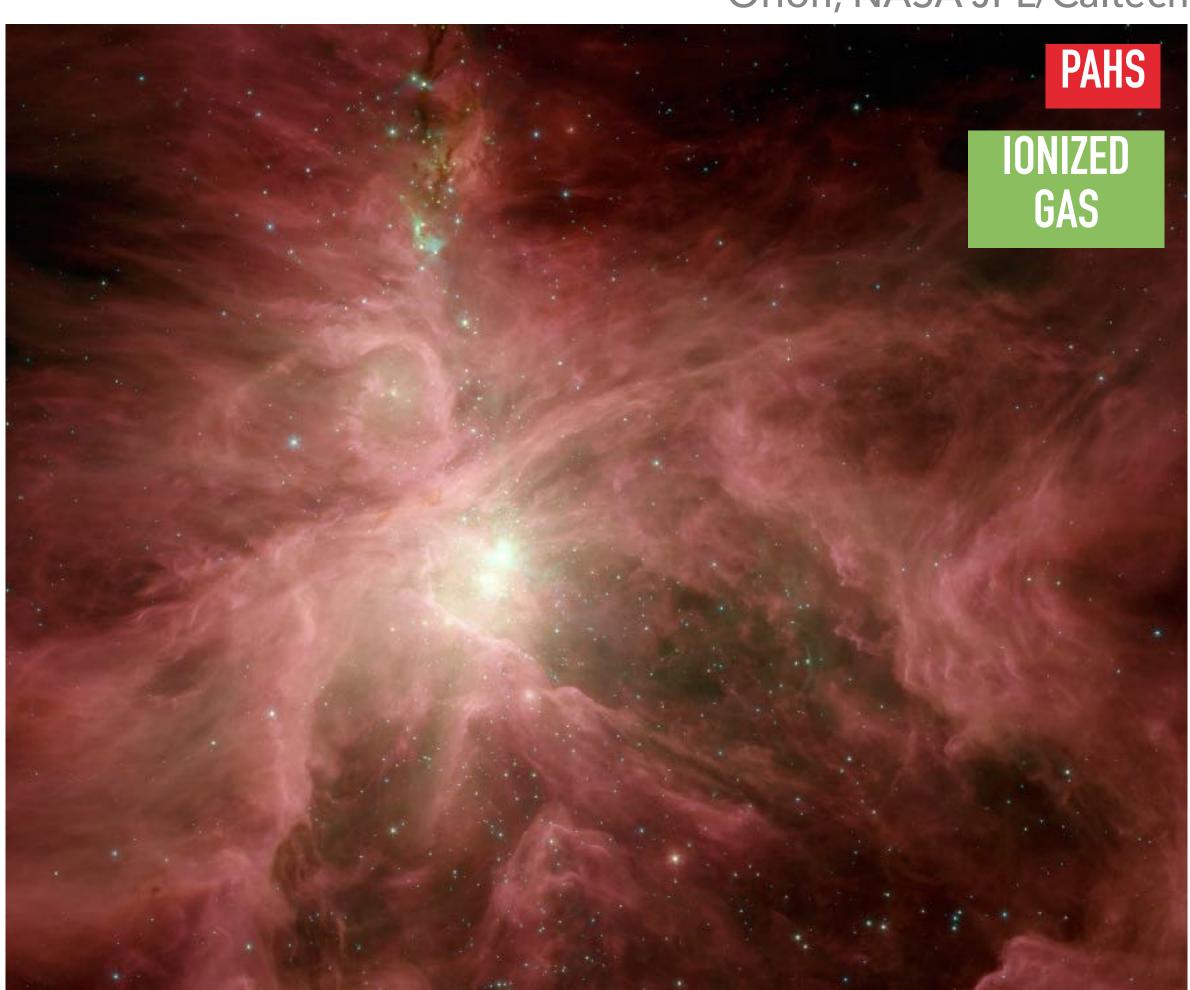
NGC 5936

Spitzer/IRAC

POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS (PAHS)

- Dominate the heating of neutral gas in PDRs.
- PAH emission is bright in starforming regions, and in star-forming galaxies

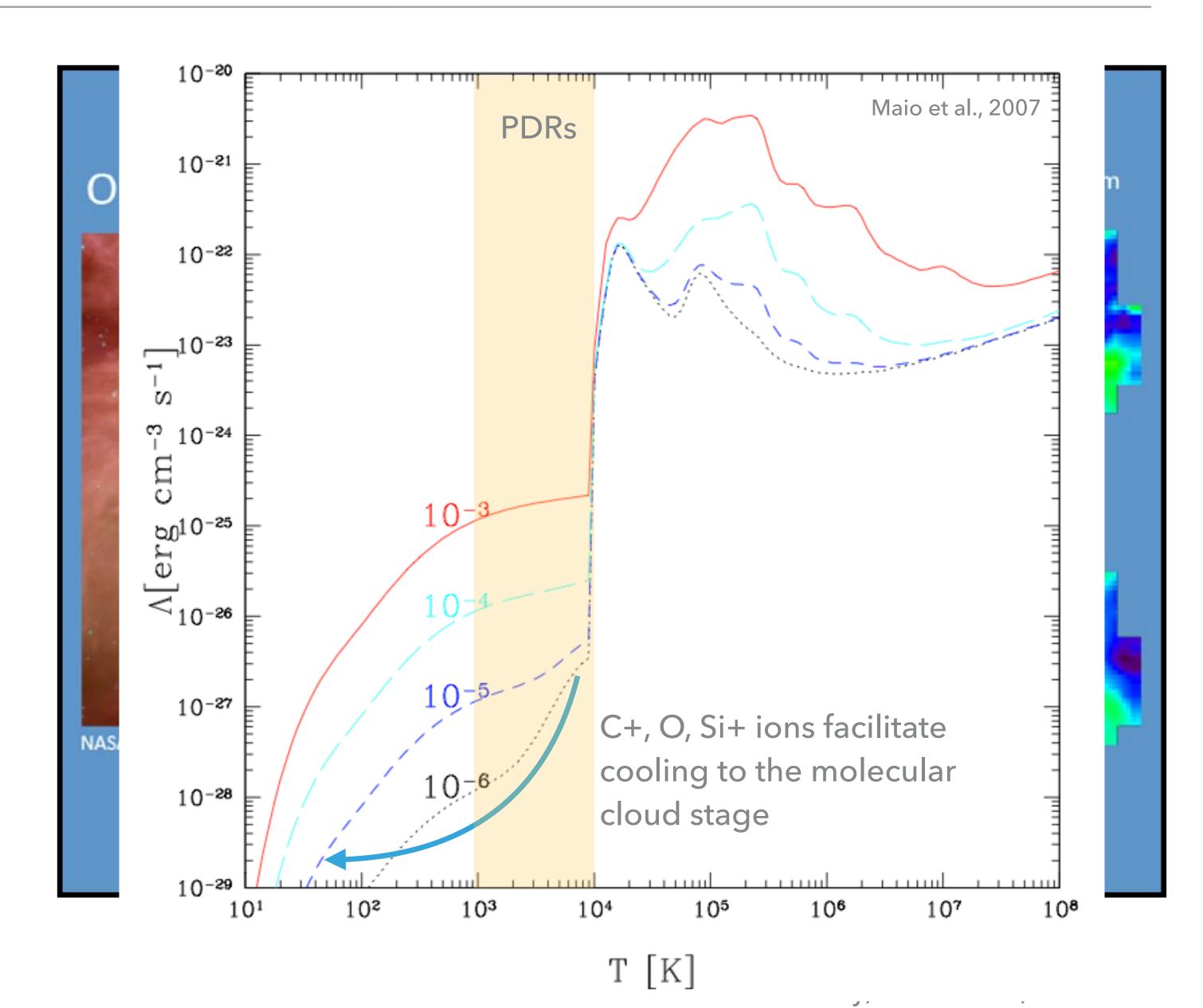


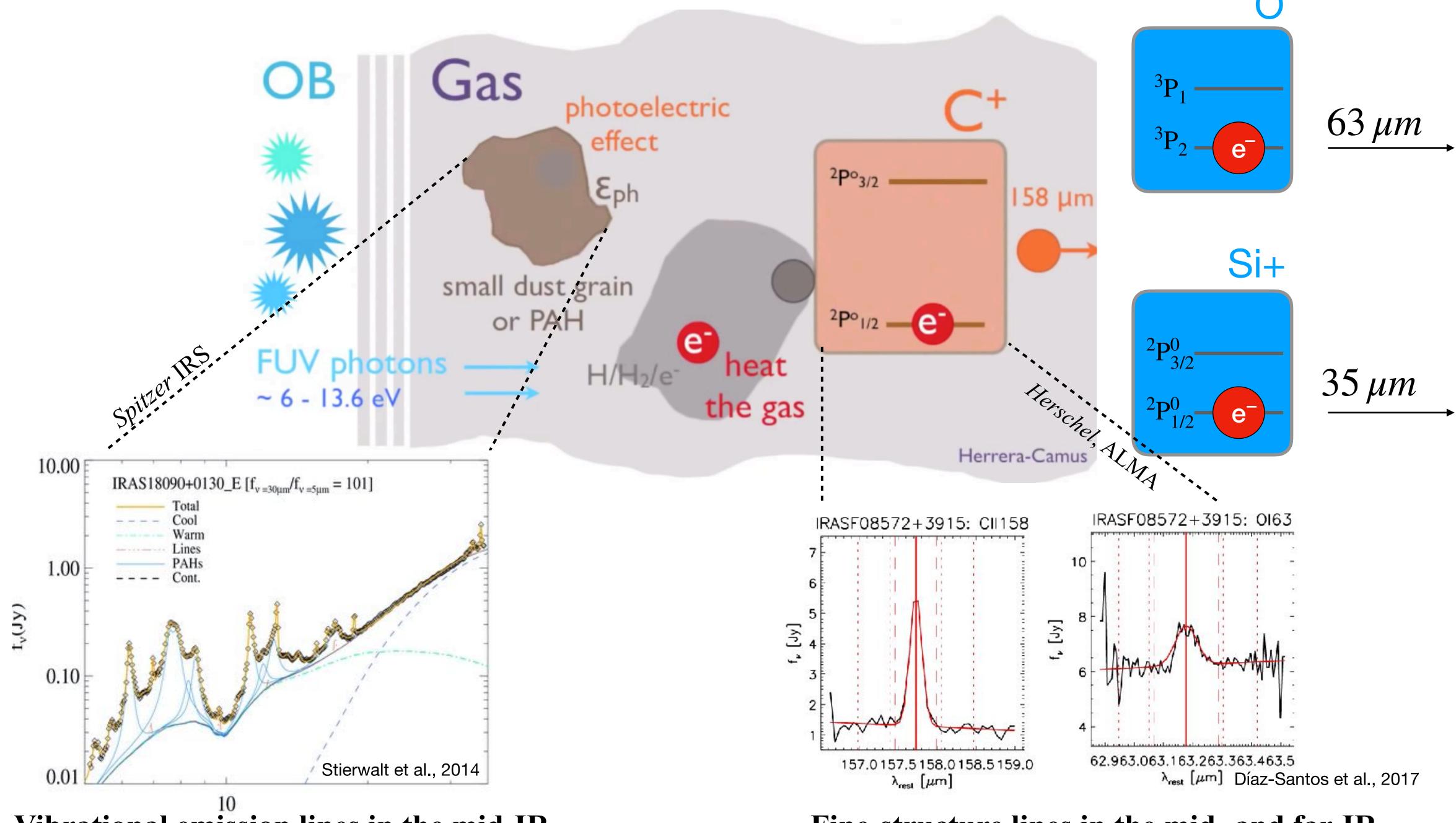


Orion, NASA JPL/Caltech

COOLING - FAR IR LINES, [C II]

- PAHs transfer energy from stars into the ISM
- That gas then needs to cool to form stars.
- Most of the cooling comes in the form of far-IR atomic line emission: [C II], [O I], [Si II]



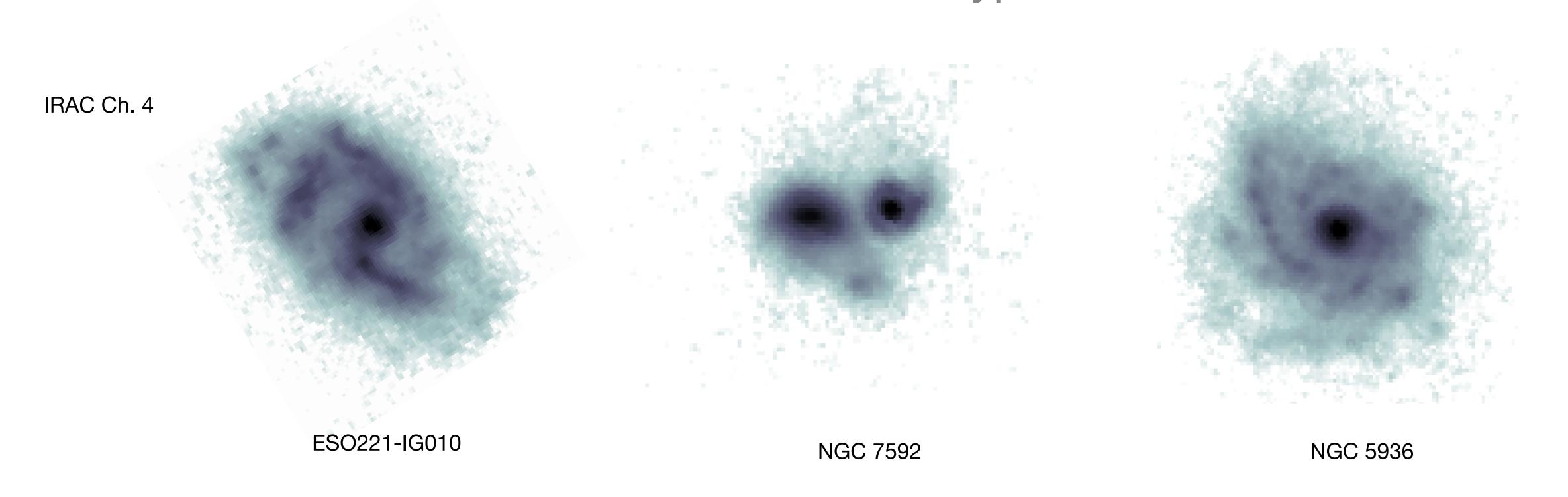


Vibrational emission lines in the mid-IR

Fine-structure lines in the mid- and far-IR

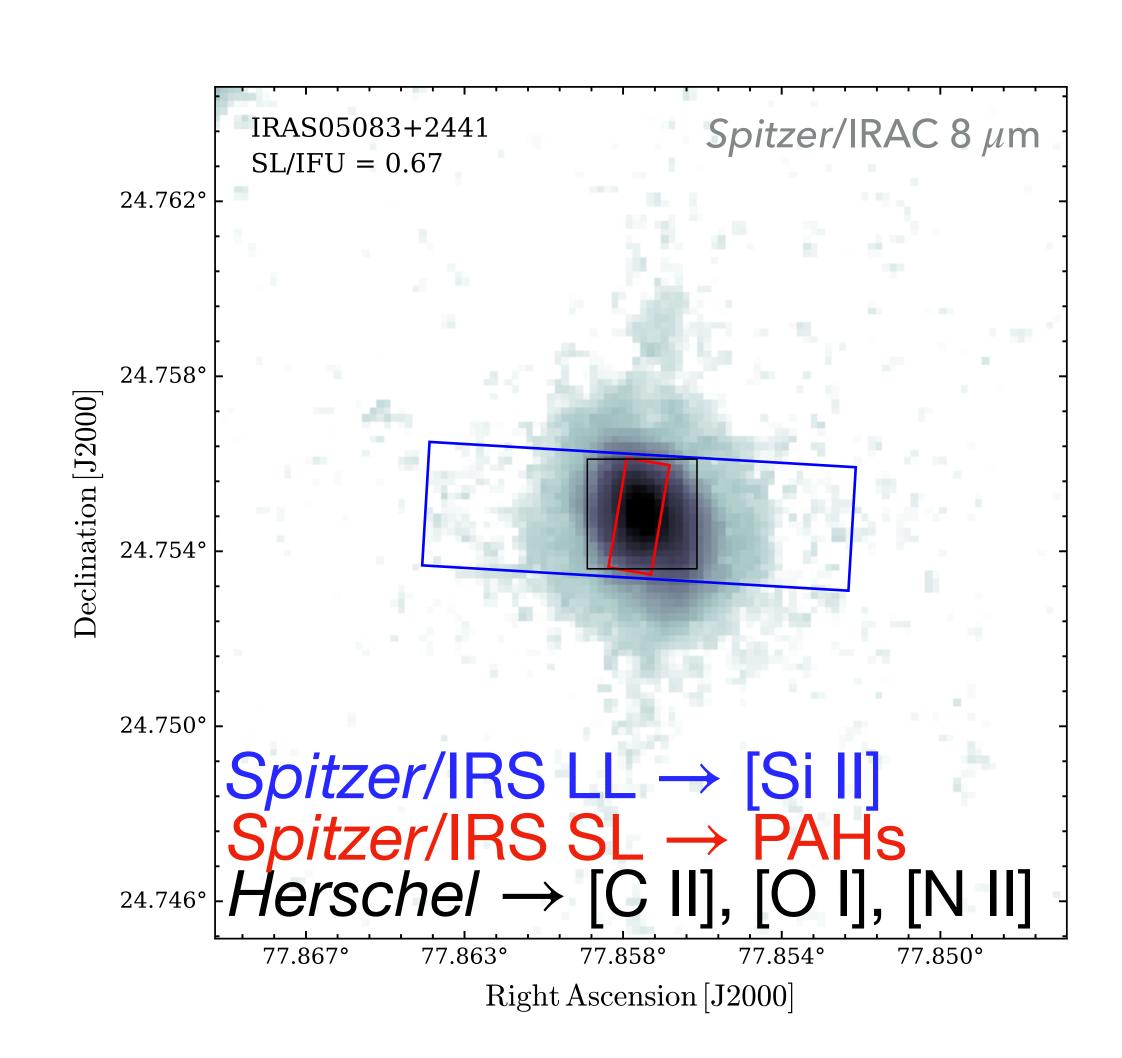
MEASURING HEATING AND COOLING IN THE MOST EXTREME DUSTY GALAXIES TODAY

The **Great Observatories All-Sky LIRG Survey** (GOALS, Armus et al., 2009) is a complete sample of IR-luminous galaxies in the local Universe, and reaches some of the extreme conditions that are more typical at cosmic noon.

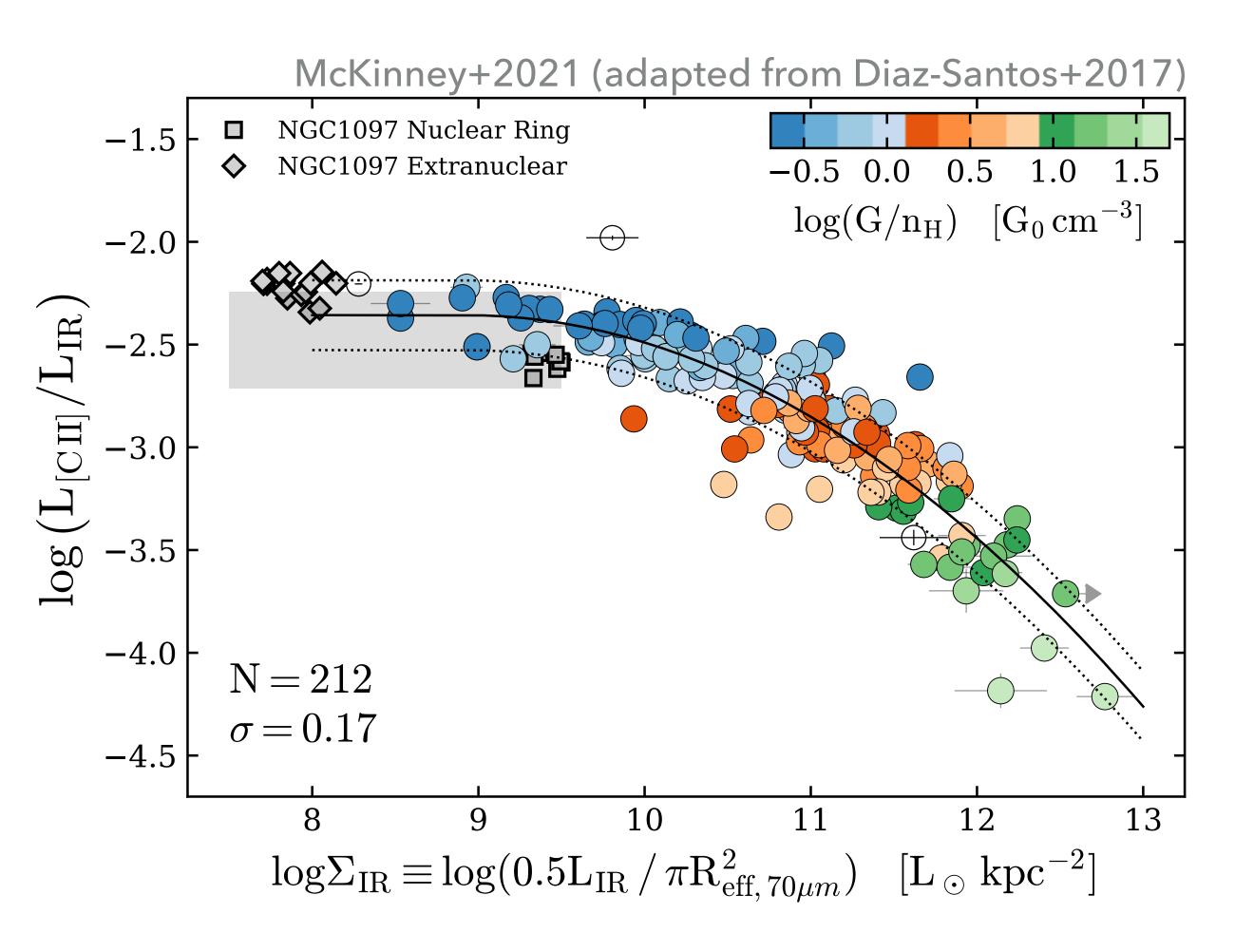


GOALS - A COMPLETE SURVEY OF LOCAL IR-LUMINOUS GALAXIES

- > 202 systems, 244 galaxy nuclei
- ► High mass, $Z/Z_{\odot} \sim 1-2$
- Spectral coverage across the EM spectrum measuring many properties of the ISM
 - Spitzer → PAHs, mid-IR AGN fractions, mid-IR opacities
 - Herschel → far-IR cooling lines, gas densities, radiation field strengths



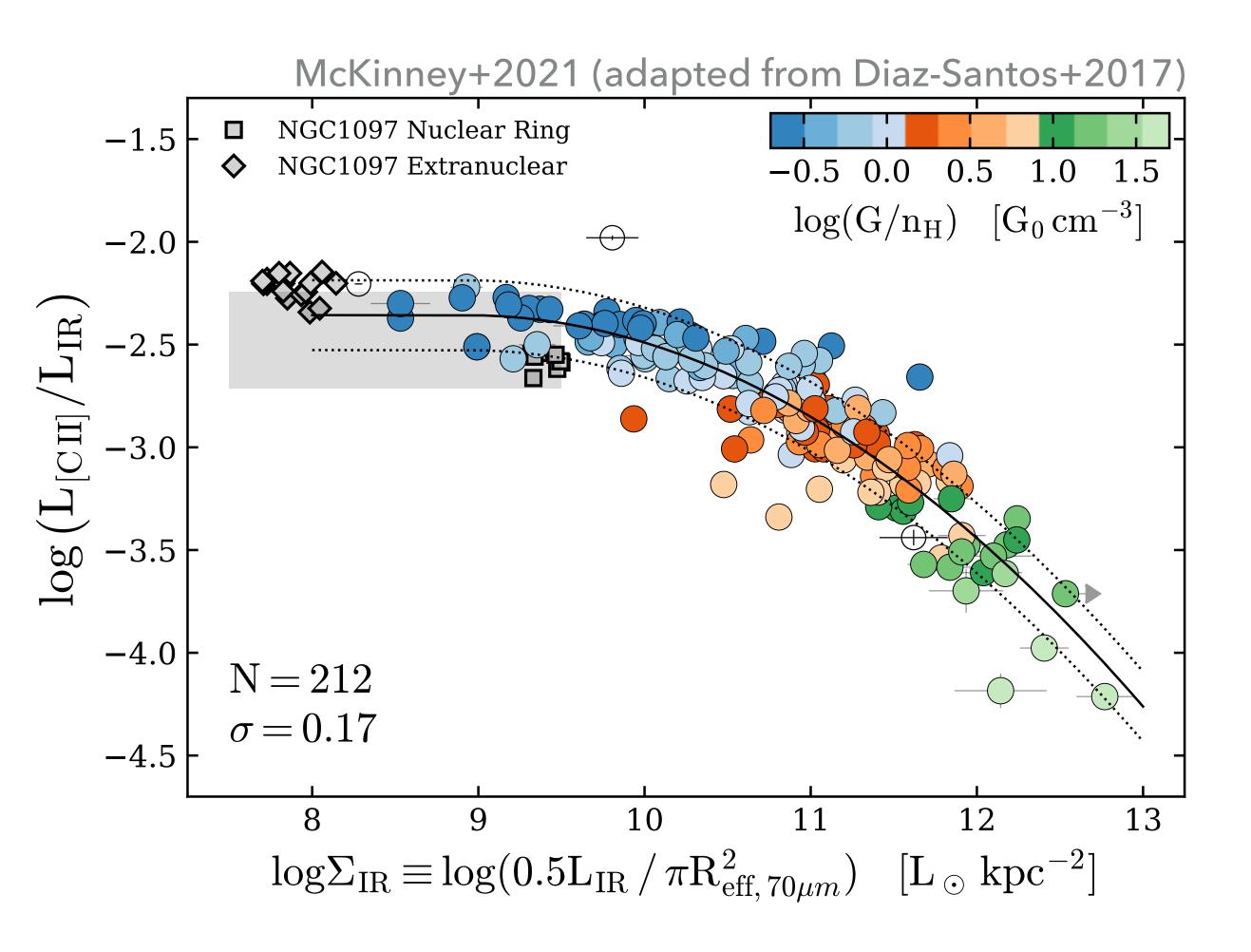
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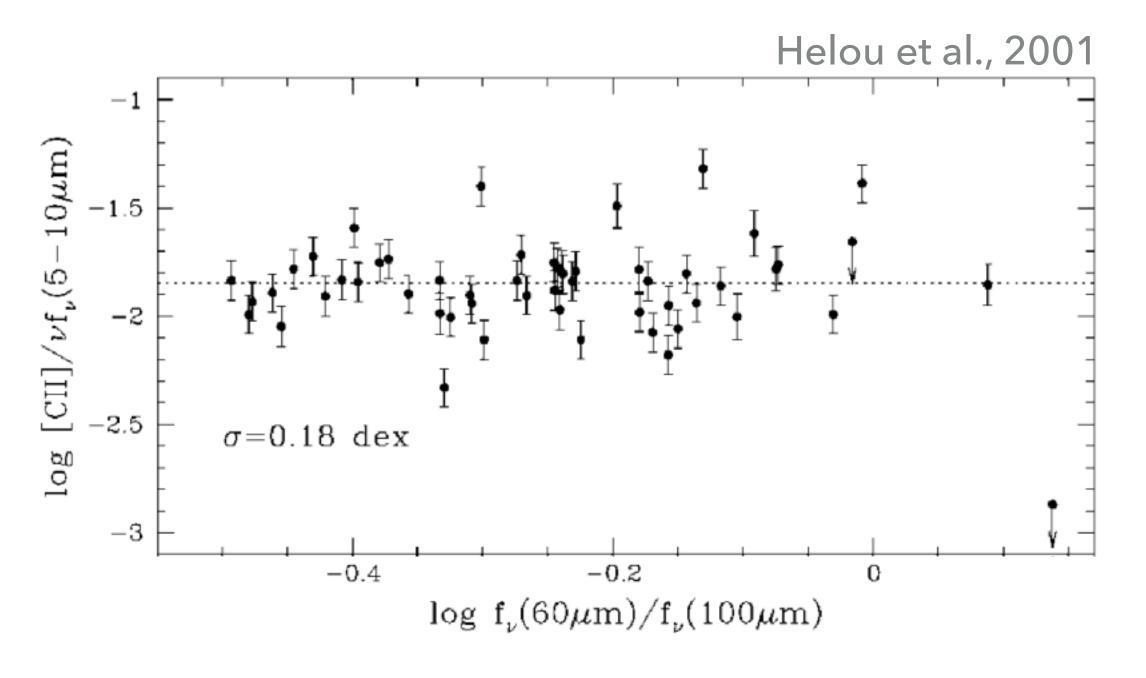


- The brightest, most compact LIRGs emit less power in cooling lines relative to L(IR).
- This deficit is observed at high redshift, and for PAH emission as well.

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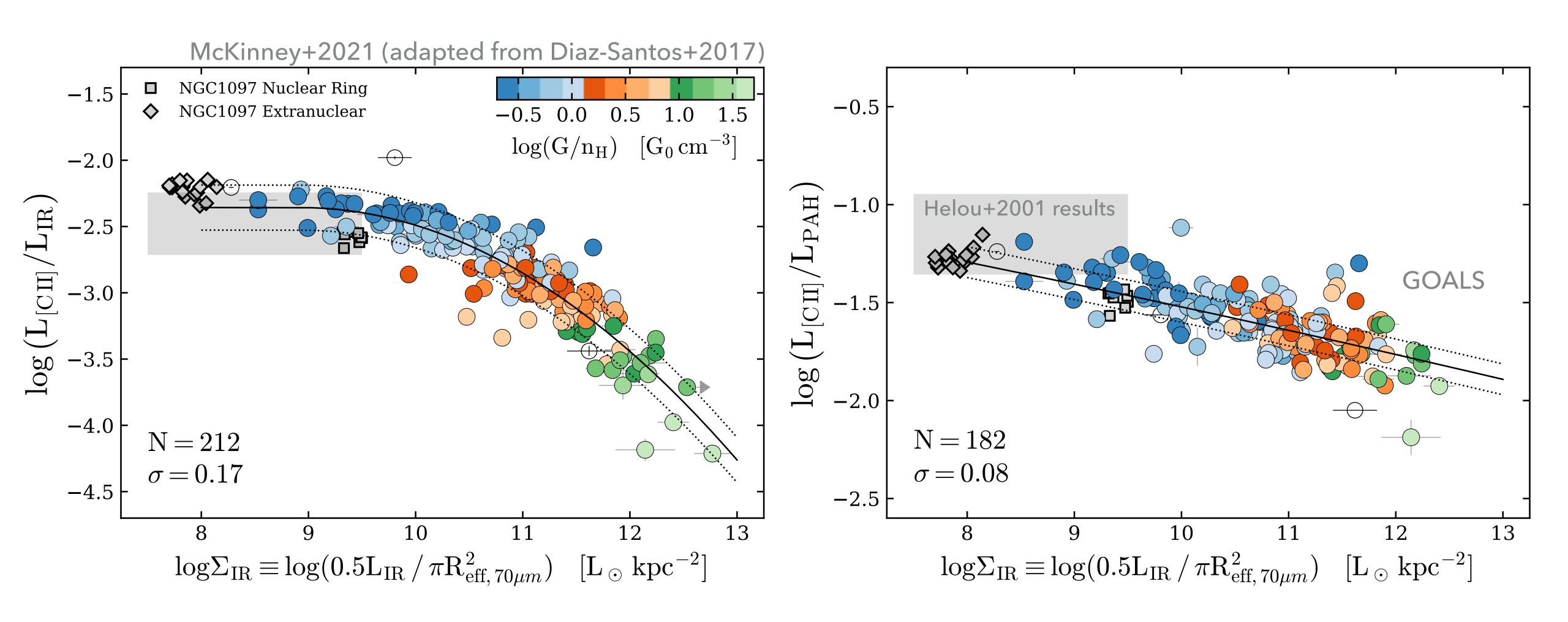
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Early observations suggest the cooling/heating ratio is a constant in star-forming galaxies.

THE COOLING TO HEATING RATIO: [C II] VS. PAH

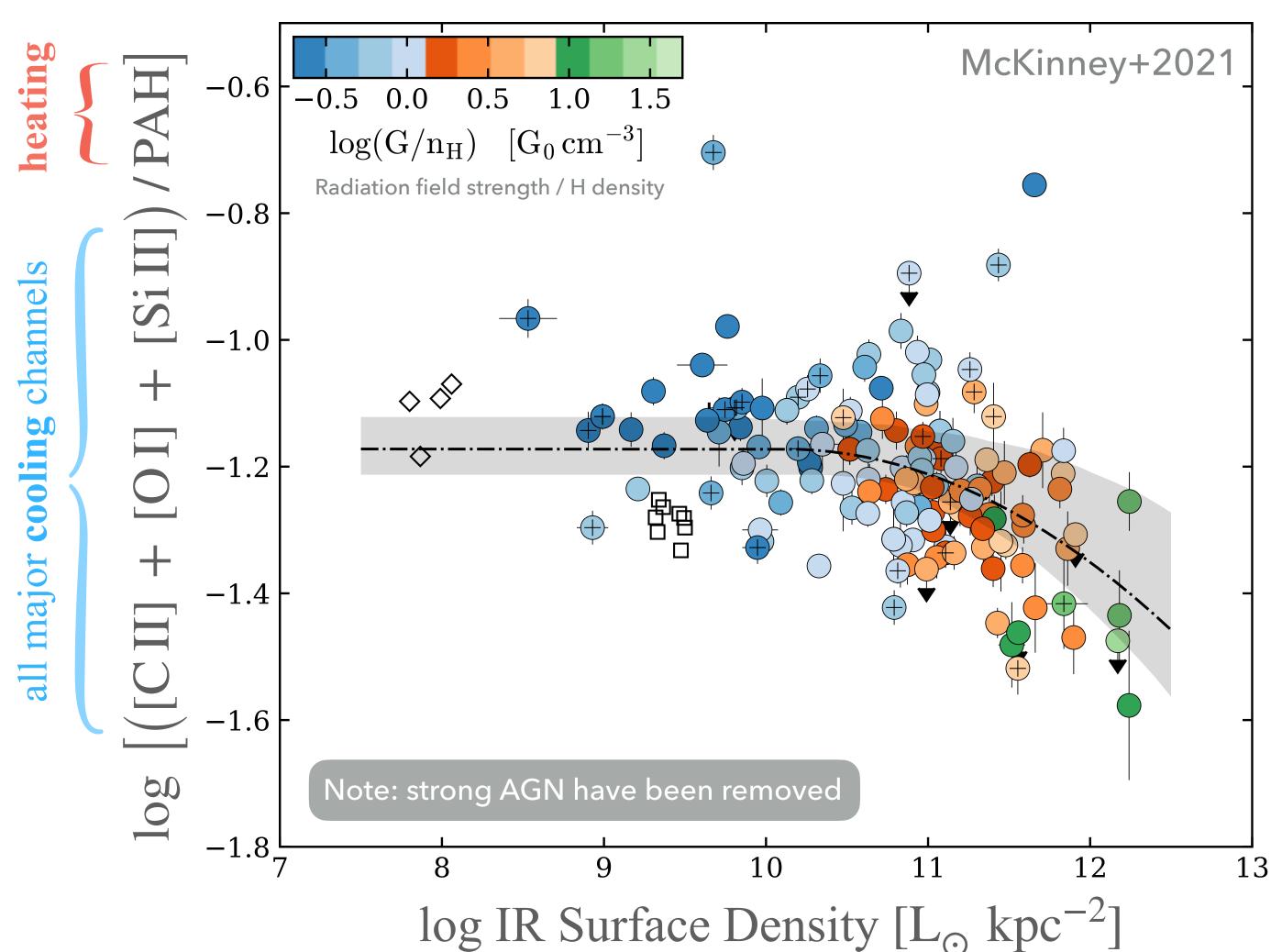


THE COOLING TO HEATING RATIO: [C II]+[O I]+[SI II] VS. PAH, AND THE PHOTOELECTRIC EFFICIENCY

Definition

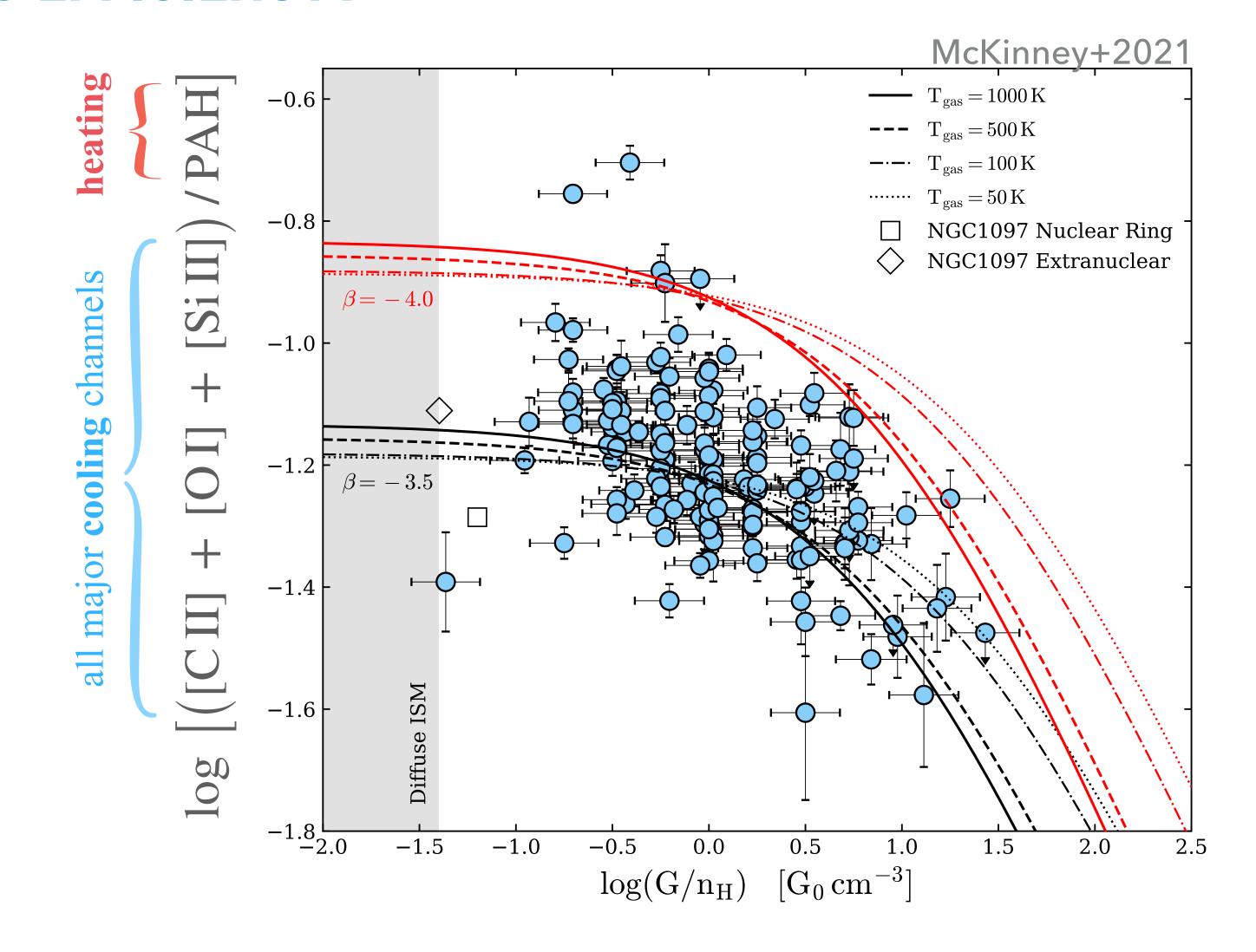
The cooling/PAH ratio measures the photoelectric efficiency (ϵ_{pe}): the fraction of energy absorbed by PAHs that gets transferred into the gas.

 $\epsilon_{pe} \sim \frac{[\text{C II}] + [\text{O I}] + [\text{Si II}] + \dots}{\text{PAH}}$



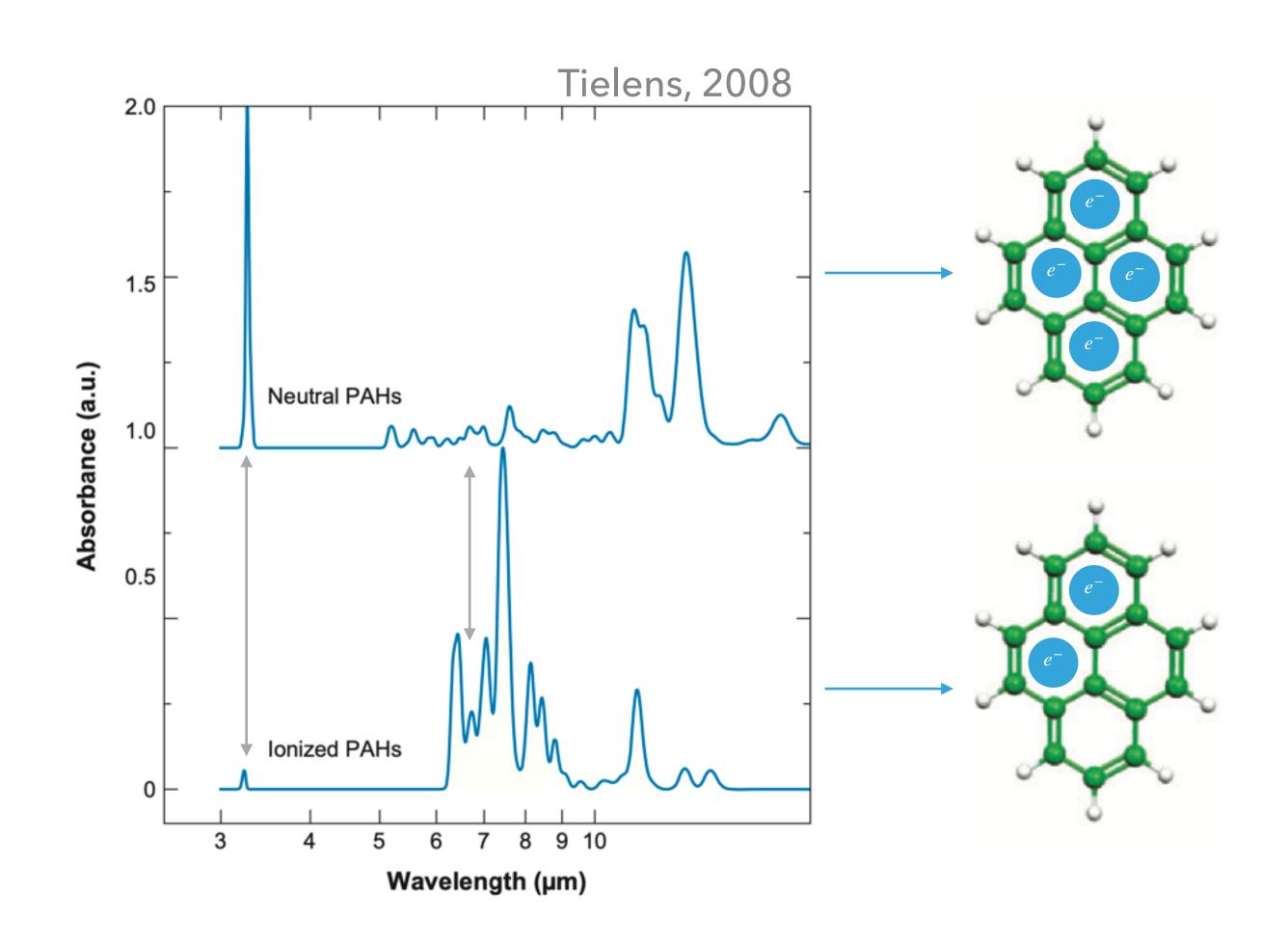
WHAT LOWERS THE PHOTOELECTRIC EFFICIENCY?

- Models of PAH grains show low photoelectric efficiencies when:
 - 1) G/n_H is large
 - 2) T_{gas} is high
 - > 3) PAHs are larger

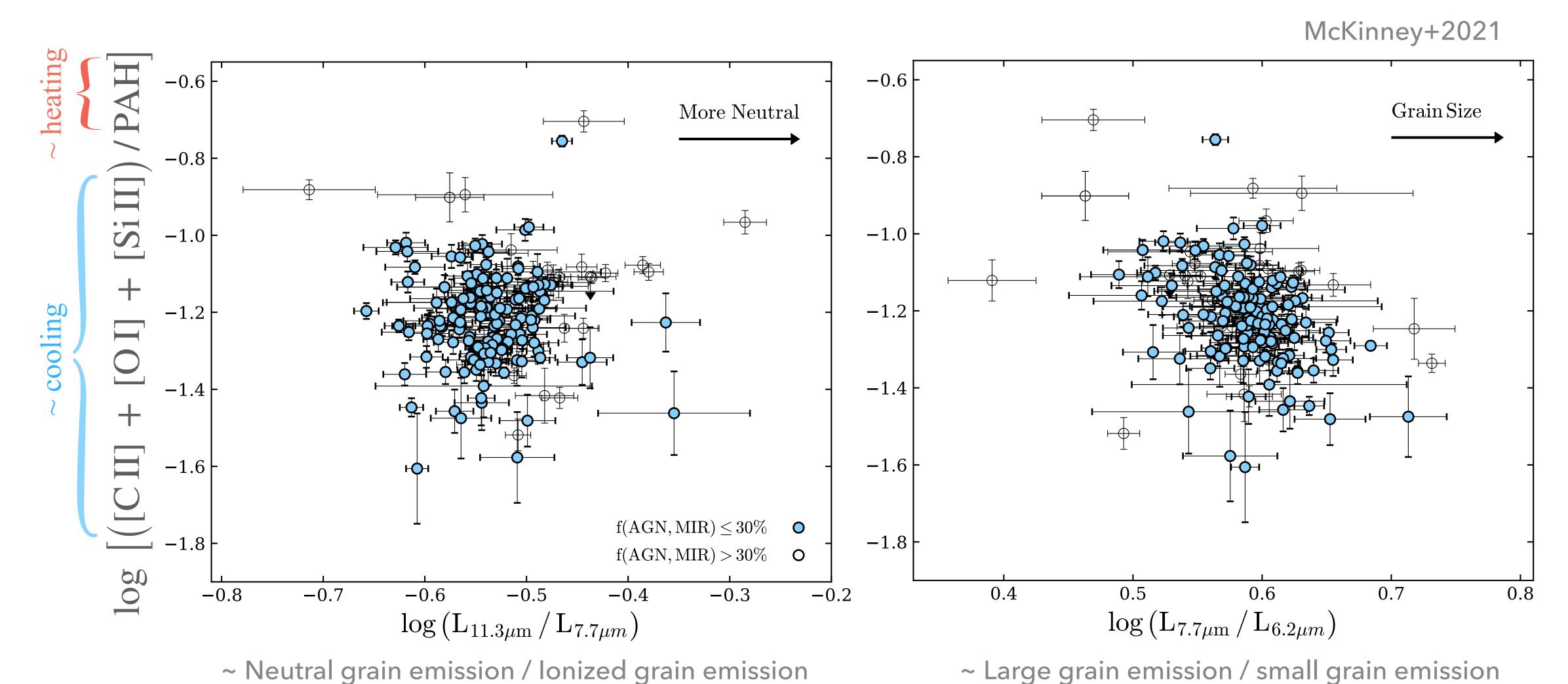


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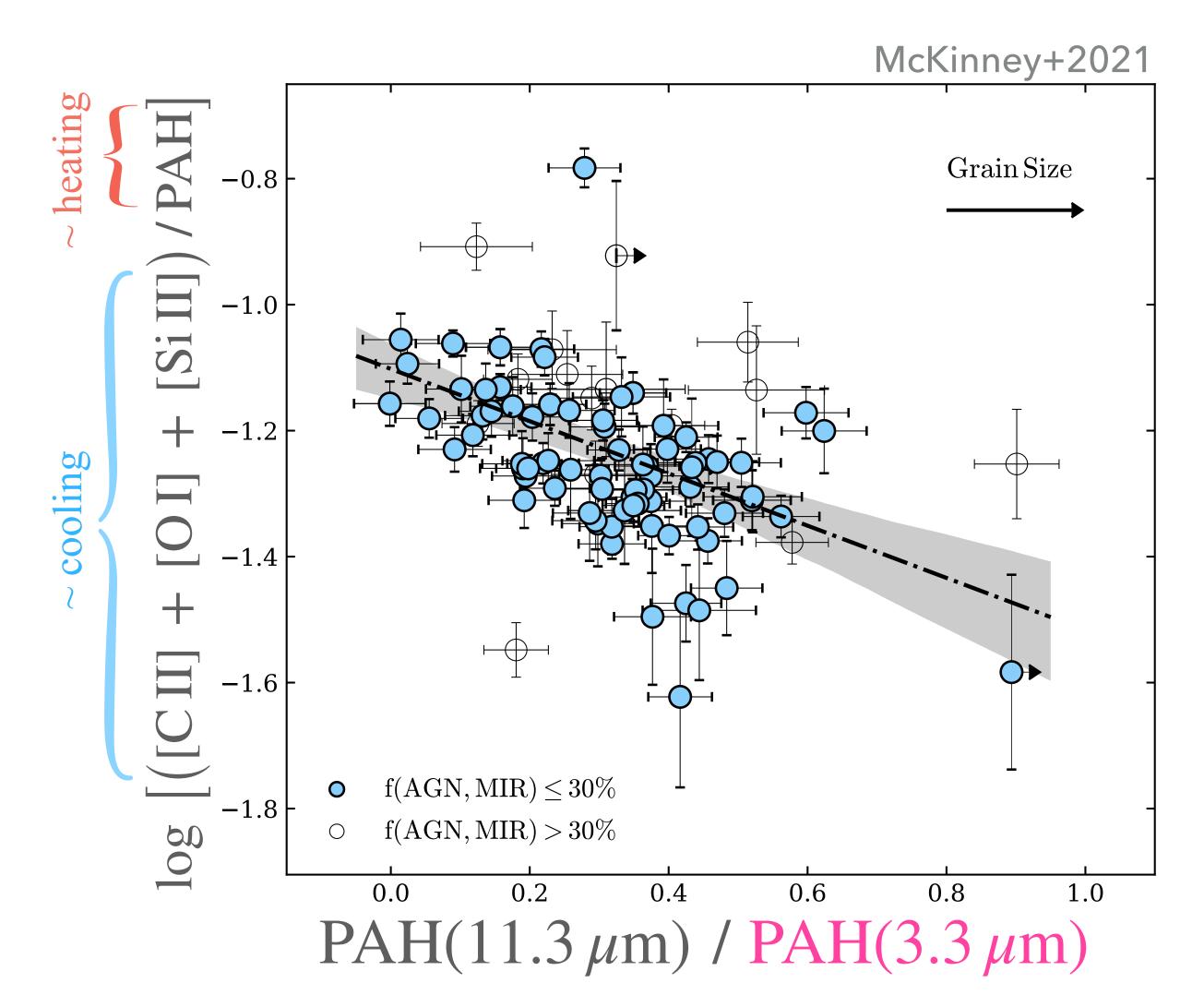
- Individual PAH emission lines trace the physical properties of small dust grains.
- Ionized PAHs, and large PAHs have low photoelectric efficiencies.



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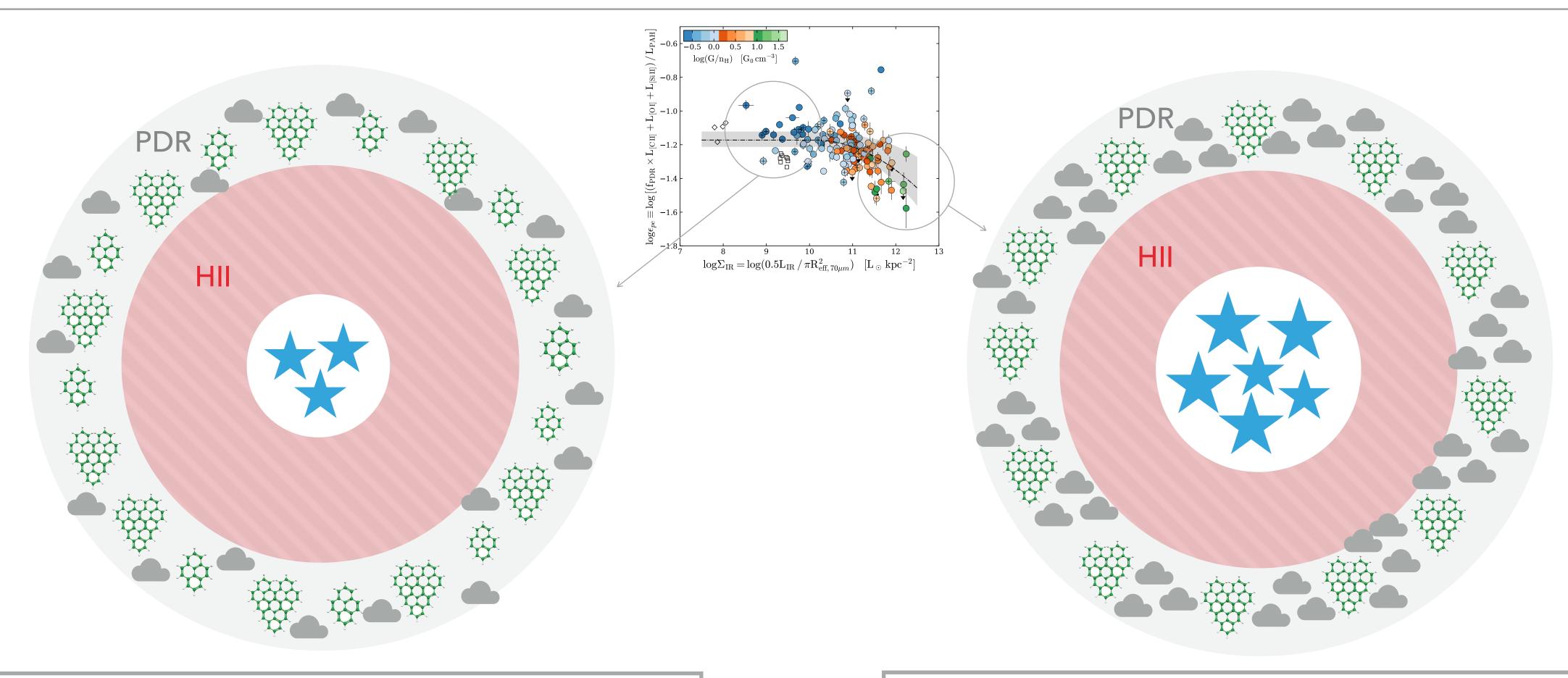


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- Best constraint on PAH grain size from lines with large wavelength separation.
- \triangleright 3.3 μ m PAH outside of *Spitzer's* coverage, measurable with AKARI
- JWST/MIRI can measure the 3.3 μ m PAH out to $z \sim 2-6$, cosmic noon.

A UNIFIED PICTURE: TYPICAL ISM CONDITIONS AROUND STAR-FORMING REGIONS IN COMPACT LIRGS



Low IR surface densities - "more normal conditions"

- Normal radiation fields
- Large + small grains
- $\epsilon_{pe} \sim 0.08$

High IR surface densities - "extreme conditions"

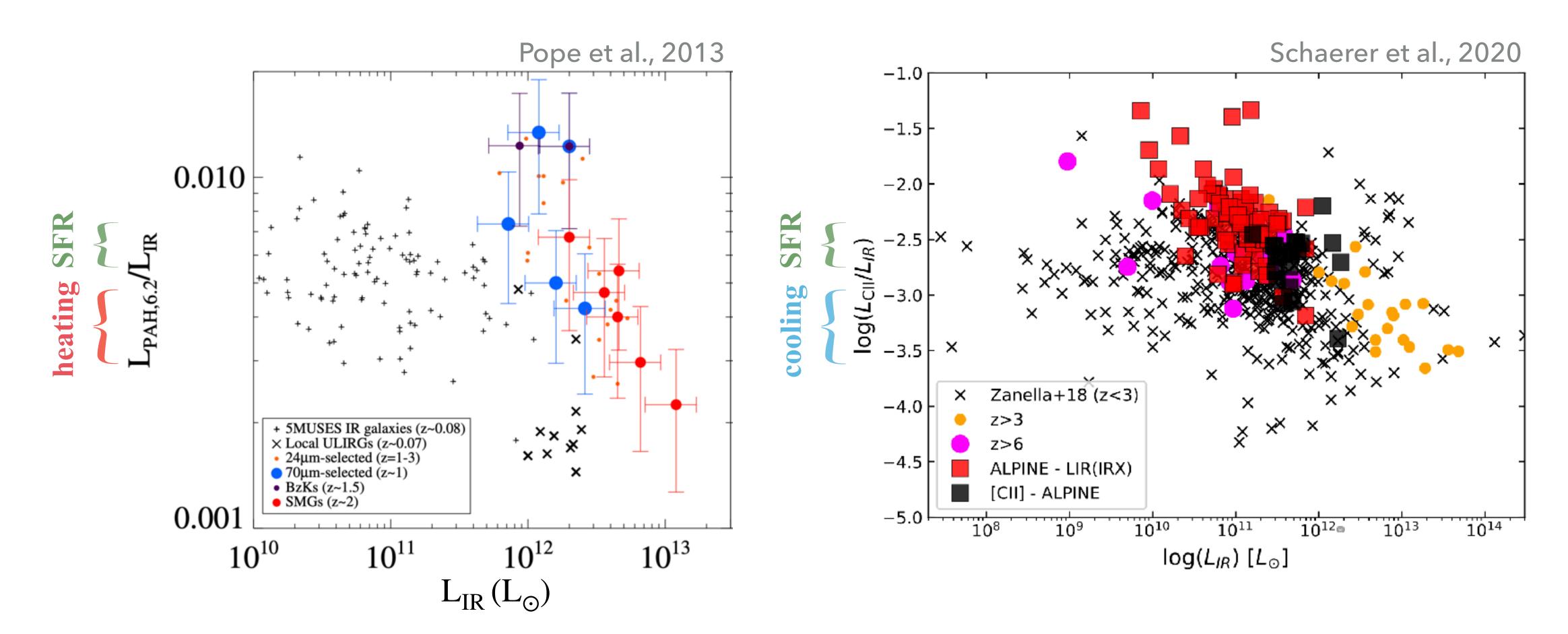
- Strong radiation fields. Dusty, compact, and young
- Small grains less dominant larger grains important
- $\epsilon_{pe} \sim 0.03$

SUMMARY SO FAR

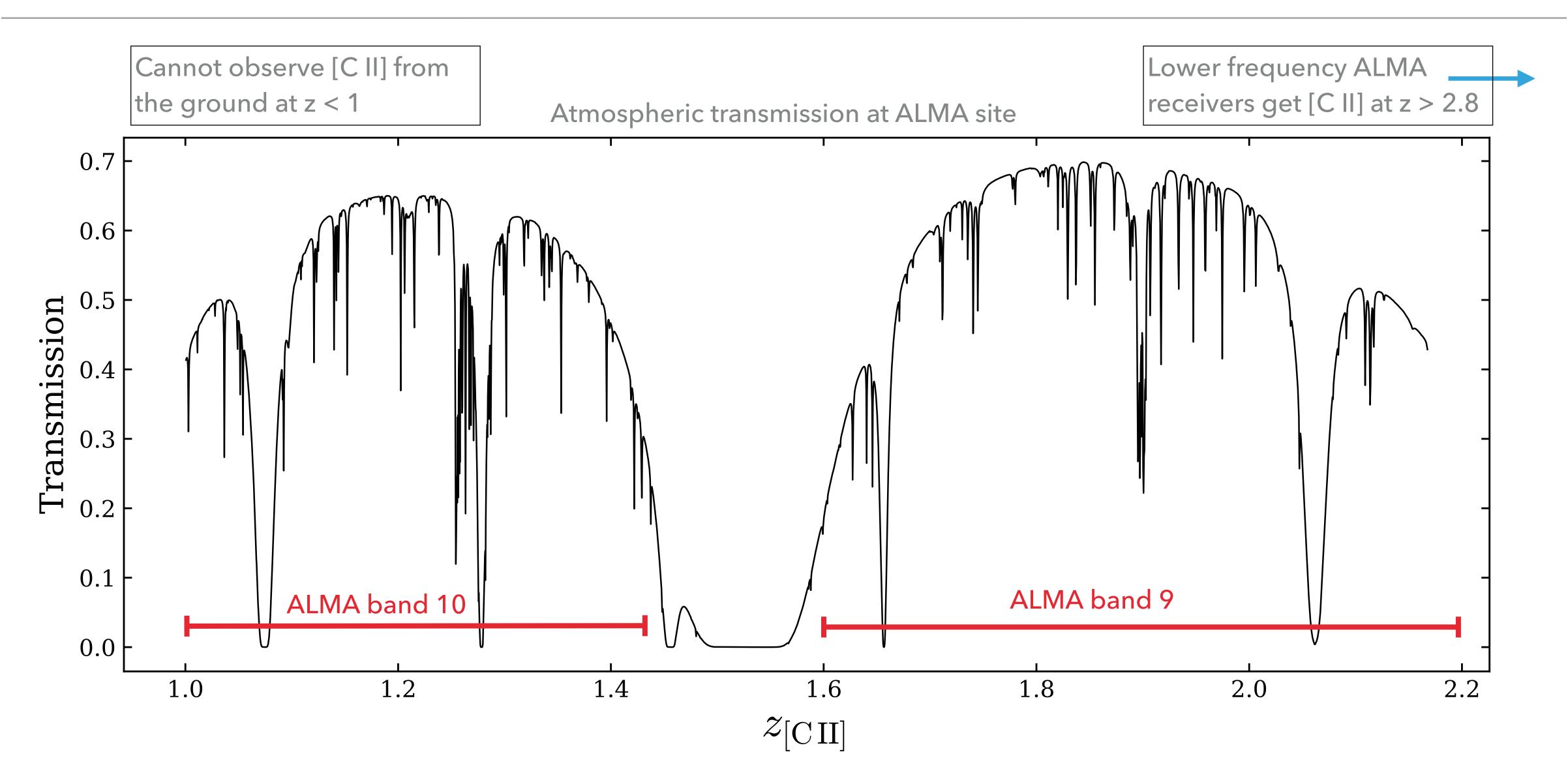
- 1. Low cooling/heating (~photoelectric efficiency, ϵ_{pe}) at high IR surface density
- 2. Low photoelectric efficiencies arise when the radiation field strength is high
- 3. Strong radiation fields re-configure the dust grain properties in ways that diminish the transfer of energy from stellar photons into the ions (i.e., C+)

Are such ISM conditions also found in high-redshift star-forming galaxies?

HIGH-Z OBSERVATIONS OF THE ISM: PAHS AND COOLING LINES

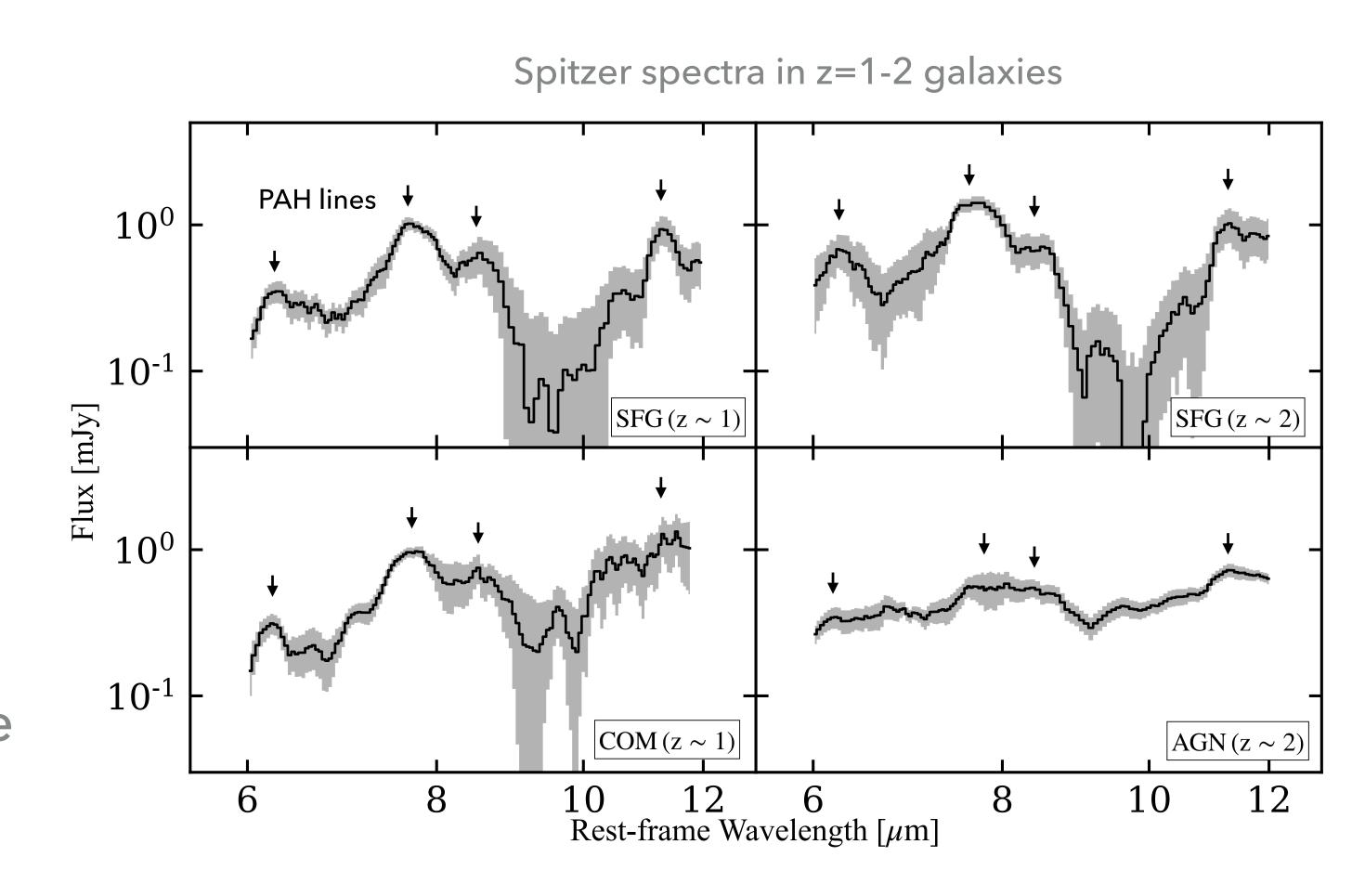


HEATING AND COOLING IN THE ISM OF HIGH REDSHIFT DUSTY GALAXIES

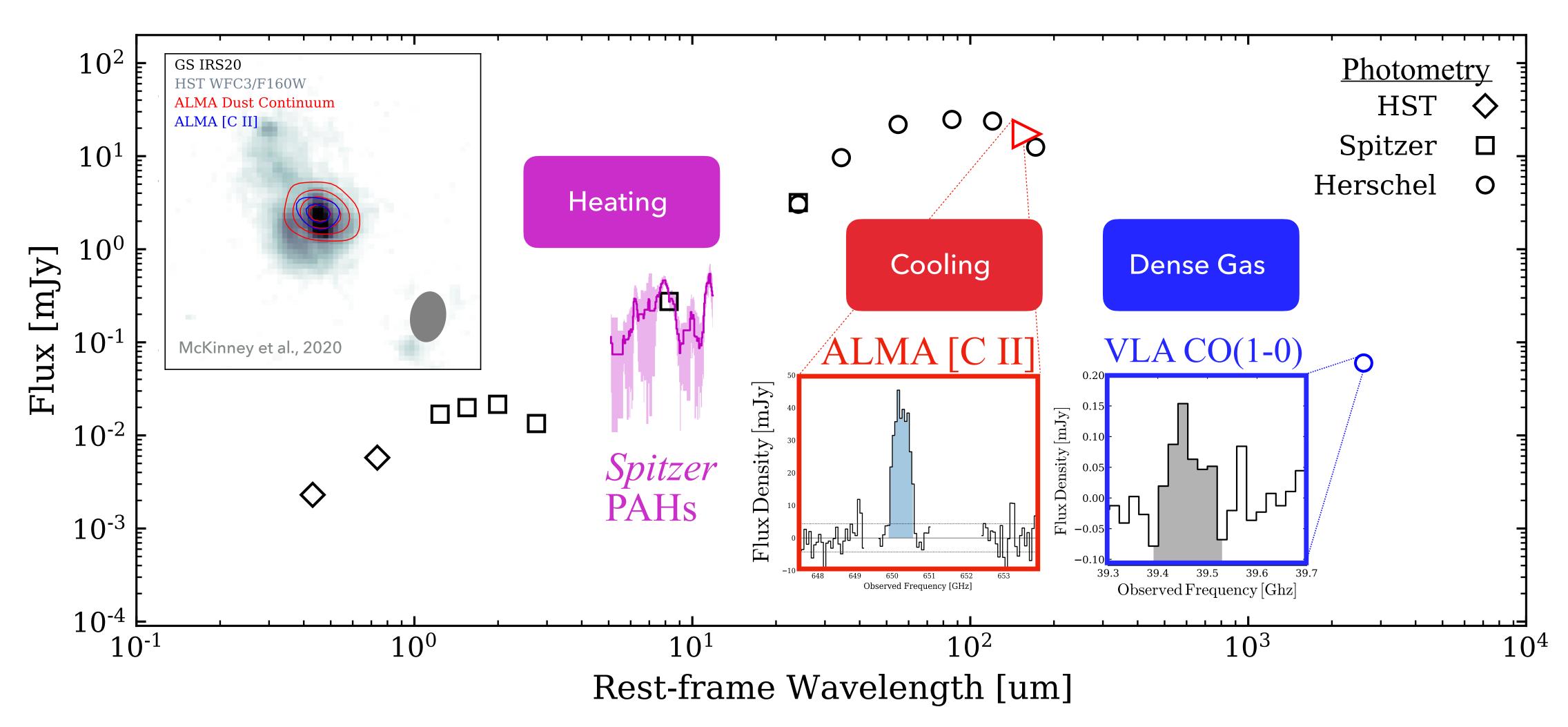


HIGH REDSHIFT OBSERVING STRATEGY

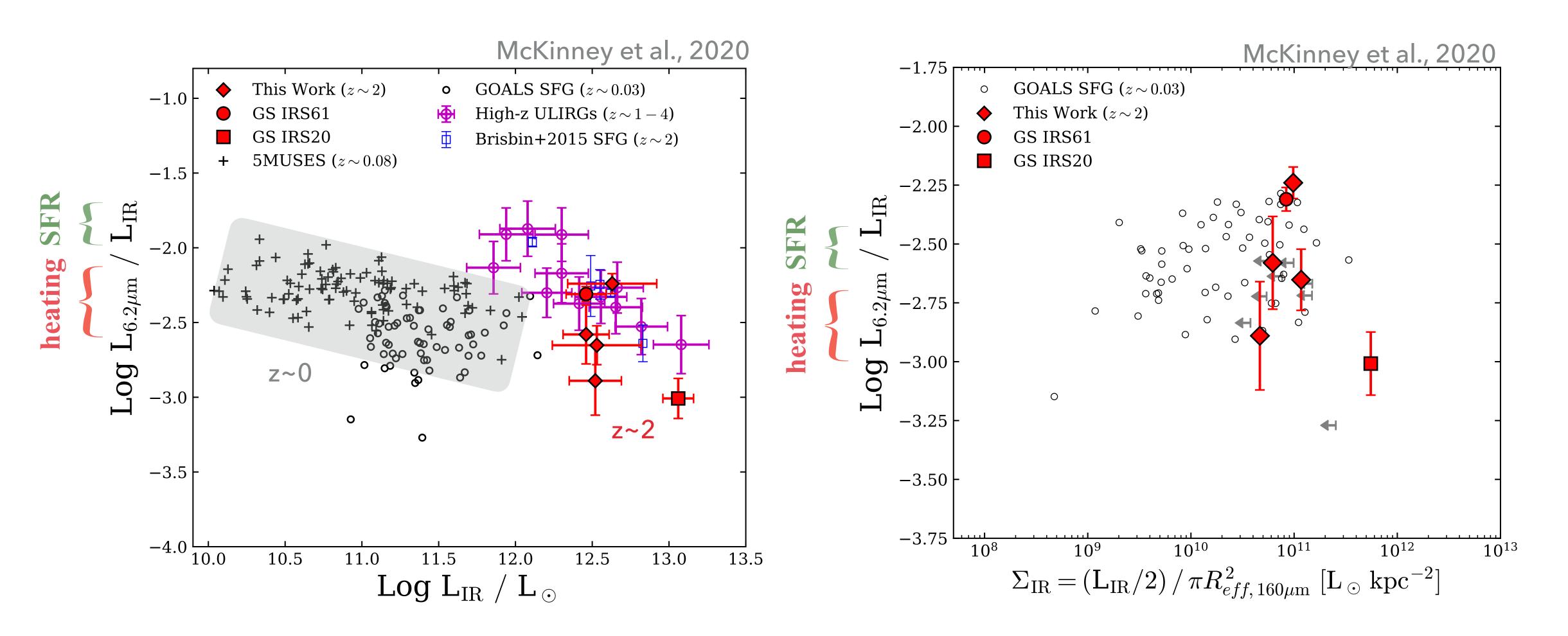
- Testing heating/cooling at z=2 must work from archival Spitzer spectra of PAHs until JWST
- High mass, high metallicity, (~GOALS)
- ALMA follow up can get [C II]
- Other cooling lines (e.g., [O I]) will need a cryogenically cooled space telescope to observe at high-z



A SPITZER-SELECTED SAMPLE OF Z=2 LIRGS WITH ALMA FOLLOW UP

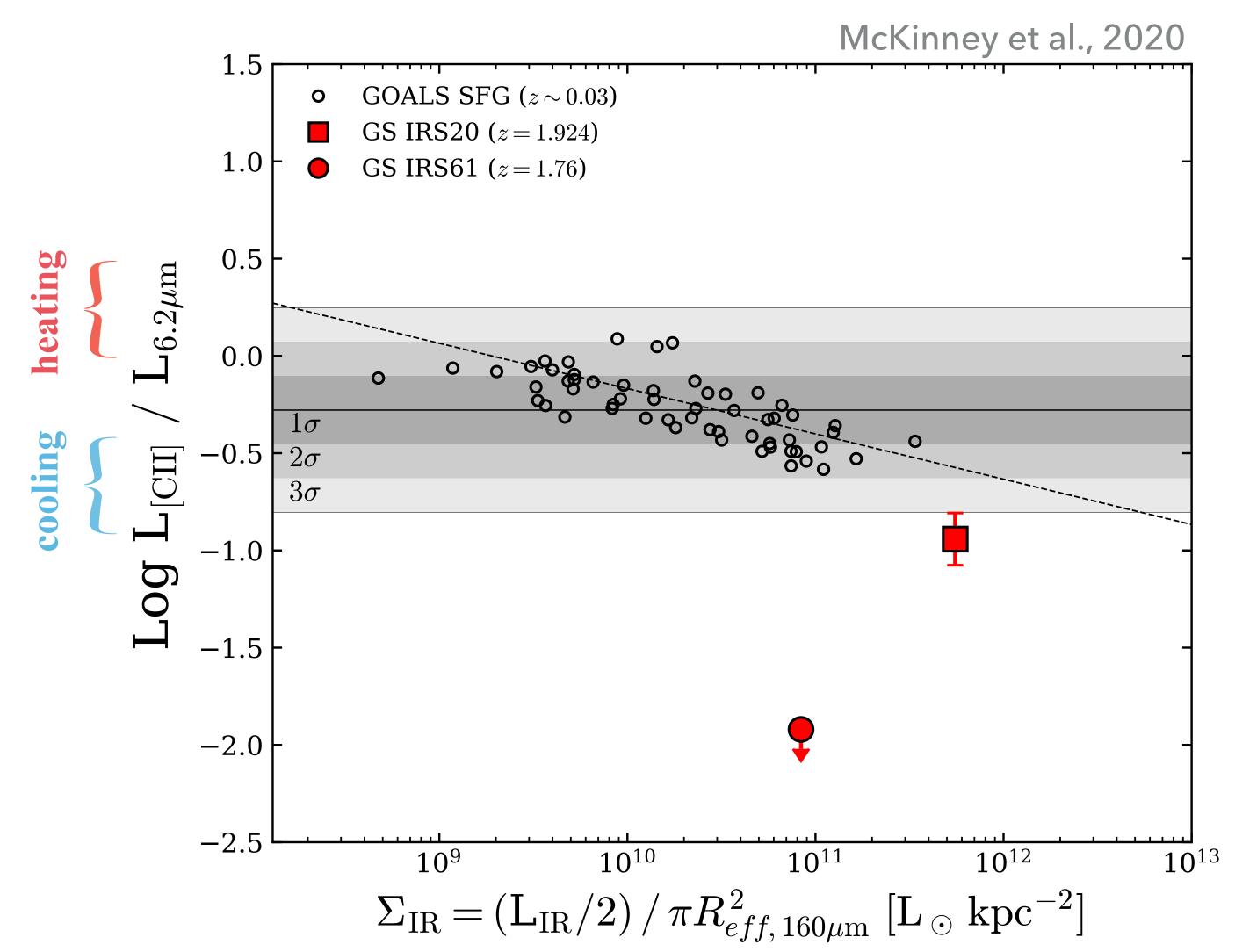


COMPARABLE PAH EMISSION FOR FIXED IR SURFACE DENSITY



THE PHOTOELECTRIC EFFICIENCY AT COSMIC NOON

- Cosmic nooncompact LIRGs havelow [C II]/PAH ratios
- More [O I] cooling, or low photoelectric efficiencies?



NEXT STEPS: ISM CONDITIONS OVER COSMIC TIME

- Is there a link between ϵ_{pe} and the efficiency of star-formation? Does this evolve with redshift?
- Upcoming work:
 - CO observations of GOALS to link ϵ_{pe} and SFE at z=0
 - VLA CO observations of cosmic
 noon galaxies with [C II] and PAHs

